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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 12 and 15 are amended. Claims 7, 11, 13, 14 and 16 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications directed to the subject matter of these claims. New claims 20-23 have been added. Hence, claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 15 and 20-23 are now active and under consideration. Claims 18 and 19 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 13 and 14, although objected to, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Consistent with this indication, the limitation of claim 13 has been inserted into claim 1, and a new independent claim resulting from the combination of claims 1 and 14 is presented as claim 20. Newly added dependent claims 21-23 do not present "new issues" for consideration.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 10-12, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Kim.

In view of the above amendments, this ground of rejection is now moot.

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

In view of the cancellation of claim 17, this ground of rejection is now moot.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby request an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any omitted fees, including application processing, extension, and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337.

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